THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The funds from Ad hoc CAMPA have been released only after the constitution of State CAMPA as per the guidelines dated 02.07.2009, issued by the Ministry and as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated 12.07.2009. The State Government has informed that so far, no funds have been released under CAMPA scheme for restoration of Kolleru Lake Wildlife Sanctuary. However, restoration of water channels for free flow of flood water into sea is being taken up by Irrigation Department with their departmental funds. Partially demolished bunds are being removed to form mounds over which planting of suitable species is being taken up to provide perches for the Kolleru birds.

Conflict of interest for members of expert committee on Bt. Brinjal

2654. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three members of the expert committee (EC2) set up by GEAC which looked into the public concerns on Bt. Brinjal had been directly involved in the development or biosafety assessment of Bt. Brinjal; and

(b) if so, whether it is not a clear case of conflict of interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) None of the expert committee (EC2) members set up by the Genetic Engineering Approval Committee (GEAC) have been involved in the development of Bt brinjal expressing event EE-I developed by M/s Maharashtra Hybrid Seeds Company Ltd. (Mahyco), Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, Coimbatore and University of Agriculture Sciences, Dharwad. As authorized by the GEAC, large scale field trials with Bt brinjal expressing event EE-I was conducted under the supervision of Director, Indian Institute of Vegetable Research (IIVR) Varanasi. IIVR is a national level vegetable research institute under the aegis of the Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR). The studies have been conducted by IIVR with the support and full knowledge of Director General, ICAR and Deputy Director General (Horticulture), ICAR. All members of the Expert Committee are experts from public sector Institutions. Therefore, no conflict of interest is envisaged.

Pending proposals of Orissa and Chhattisgarh

†2655. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals pertaining to Orissa and Chhattisgarh pending for preview;

(b) the possible planned preview dates for each proposal; and

(c) the details of the hindrance, if any, therein?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The details of pending proposals of State of Orissa and Chhattisgarh are given as under:

Sl. No.	State/Scheme	No. of pending projects
1.	Orissa	
	National Afforestation Programme	12
	Environmental Clearance	38
	Intensification of Forest Management	1
2.	Chhattisgarh	
	National Afforestation Programme	6
	Environmental Clearance	15

(b) and (c) No dates for preview or preliminary examination of projects under National Afforestation Programme and Intensification Forest Management Scheme are set.

The Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 stipulates a time limit of 60 days for conveying the terms of Reference (TOR) to the applicant on receipt of application with all necessary documents and further, a time limit of 105 days, after receipt of the complete application with all necessary documents, has been provided for the appraisal and conveying the decision.

Expenditure on protection of tigers

2656. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tigers in each tiger park and sanctuary as on April 1, 2004 and April 1, 2009;

(b) whether it is a fact that where the number of tigers diminished or even when there was no tiger, the annual allocation of money continued to be made;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount of money spent per tiger in different tiger parks and sanctuaries in a month in 2005 and now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) As per the findings of the recent All India tiger estimation in 2008 using the refined methodology, the total country-level population of tiger is 1411 (mid value); the lower and upper limits being 1165 and 1657 respectively. The State-wise tiger population and area of tiger occupied landscapes are indicated in the given Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) to (d) The tiger States are provided funding support under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, for in-situ conservation of tiger in designated tiger reserves. The